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VIRGINIA IN 1681-2.

(Abstracts by W. N. Sansbury, and Copies in the McDonald
and De Jarnette Papers, Virginia State Library.)
(Continued)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR OUR RIGHT TRUSTY AND WELL-BELOVED
THOMAS, LORD CULPEPER OUR LIEUT^t AND GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF OUR COLONIES AND DOMINION OF VIRGINIA IN AMERICA AND
IN HIS ABSENCE TO Y^e COMMANDER IN CHIEFE OF OUR SAID
COLONIES.

Given at our Court at Whitehall the 27th day of January,
1681½ in the 33rd year of our Reigne

Whereas by Our Letter Patents under Our Great Seale
of England bearing date the eighth day of July in the 27th
year of Our Reigne. Wee granted unto you Thomas, Lord
Culpepper the Office of Our Lieutenant and Governor General
of Our Colonie and Dominion of Virginia to hold execute and
enjoy the said office during your natural life, next and immedi-
ately after the death, surrender, forfeiture or other sooner
determination of the Interest of Sir William Berkley Knight.

1	And whereas you are from the death or
To repair	other avoidance of the said Sir William
thither	Berkley by virtue of our said Ltres Patents
	become possessed of the said office of Our
	Lieutenant and Governor General of Our
	said Colonie and Dominion; You shall there- fore fit yourselfe with all convenience speed and repair to Vurginia.

2 And being arrived there you are forthwith
Upon arrival to call a meeting of the Members of Our
to assemble Council for that our Colonie and Dominion
the Council by name

Sir Hen. Chicheley L^t Gov^r

Nathaniel Bacon	—
Nicholas Spencer	—
Robert Smith	—
Philip Ludwell	—
Jos. Bridger	—
William Cole	—
John Custis	—
Richard Lee	—
Ralph Wormley	—
John Page	—
Mathew Kemp	—

William Bird Esq^{rs}

3 At which meeting after having published
After publishing in usual manner Our said L^res Patents
y^e Commission constituting you Our Lieutenant Governor
to take and General of Our Said Colonie and Dominion
administer you shall take yourselfe and also administer
y^e Oaths the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and
directed by all such other Oaths usually taken and Ad-
the Commission ministered as by Our Commission or the
given you under Our Great Seale is directed.

4 Amd you are to communicate unto Our
To Com- Council of Virginia from time to time such
municate such and so many of Our Instructions given unto
Instructions as you as you shall find convenient for Our Ser-
he shall vice to be imparted unto them.
think fit.

5 And Our further Will and Pleasure is that
That the the Members of the said Council shall and
Council have may have and enjoy freedom of Debate and
freedom of and vote in all things debated of in Council.
debate and vote.

6 And although by Our Commission bearing
Three of the even date with these presents wee have
Council to make thought fit to direct that any Three of Our
a quorum Counsellors make a Quorum. It is neverthe-
unless upon less Our Will and Pleasure that you do not
Ext'ry act with a Quorum of less than five Members,
occasions. unless upon Extraordinary occasions.

7 And in the choice of Members of the said
The Counsellors Council, in case of any Vacancies or Sus-
and Chief pensions, as alsoe of the Great Officers,
Officers to be Judges, Assistants, Justices and Sheriffs, you
men of Estate are always to take care that they are men of
and Abilities. estate and abilities and not neccessitious
people or much in debt.

8 And our Will and Pleasure is that you doe
Not to augment neither augment nor diminish the number of
or diminish Our Said Council as it is hereby established,
the number of nor suspend any of the present Members
the Council thereof without good and sufficient cause.
nor suspend And in case of suspension of any of them you
any member are forthwith to transmit unto Us and to the
without cause Lords of Our Privy Council appointed a Com-
to be mittee for Trade and Foreign Plantations y^e
transmitted reasons for your soe doing together with the
with the proofs. charges and proofs against the said persons
and their answer thereunto.

9 And ye are to signify Our Pleasure unto Our
Counsellors said Council that if any of them shall here-
in case of after absent themselves without leave from
their absence for Our Governor for the time being first ob-
the greater part tained, or remain absent for the space of two
of two years years or the greater part thereof without
without leave Our leave given them under Our Royal Sig-
from ye Gov. or nature their place or places in Our said Coun-
his Ma^{tie} cil shall immediately thereupon become void
their places and that wee will forthwith take care that
to be void. others be appointed in thier stead.

10

To send names and qualities of members by him put into the Council. And you are from time to time to send Us and Our said Committee of Trade and Plantations the names and qualities of any Members by you put into the said Council by the first conveniency after you soe doing.

11

The enacting Stile By the Gov^r Council and Assembly. And you are to observe in the passing of Laws That the Stile of Enacting the same By Governor Council & Assembly be henceforth used and no other.

12

To transmit authentic copies under the Seal of all Laws under penalty of forfeiting a year's salary. And Our Express Will and Pleasure is that you transmit authentic copies under the Public Seale of all Laws, Statutes and Ordinances that are now made and in force, or which shall be made and enacted within the said Colonie unto Us and the Lords of Our Privy Council appointed a Committee for Trade and Foreign Plantations within three months or sooner after their being Enacted together with Duplicates thereof, by the next conveyance upon pain of Our highest displeasure and of the forfeiture of that years Salary, wherein you shall at any time or upon any pretence whatsoever omit to send over the said Law and Ordinances as aforesaid within y^e time above limited as alsoe of such other penalty as Wee shall please to inflict ins uch manner as is likewise directed in reference to Our other Plantations.

13

No money to issue but by warrant the Assembly may examine the accounts of money. And you are not to suffer any Publick money whatsoever to be issued or disposed of otherwise than by a warrant under y^r hand. But the Assembly may bee nevertheless permitted from time to time and examined the Accompts of money or value of moneys disposed of by vertue of such Laws as they shall make which you are to signify unto them as occasion shall serve.

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